

ONE THIRD OF THE DRAFT QUOTA MUST BE READY BY SEPTEMBER 1

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—More than 300,000 men of the selective draft forces will be called to the colors on September 1, to go immediately to their divisional training camps. This will bring the strength of the United States army on that date up to practically one million men.

Brigadier General Crowder (provost marshal general, dispatched the following telegram to the governors of the states today cautioning them to make certain that the first one-third of their quota of the first increment of registered men is ready in time:

"New regulations governing mobilization and the certification of men from district boards to adjutant-general will be mailed to you on August 9. In the meantime, local boards should certify to district boards daily those who have been called and who have not been exempted or discharged either because they failed to file any claim or because their claim has been decided adversely.

"Strict compliance with this rule is necessary since on September first the war department will call for not to exceed one-third of the quota from each state, to be entrained for mobilization camps between September first and September fifth. Unless we wish to be put in a position of

not furnishing men as fast as the war department is ready to receive them, each state should have accumulated by September first a minimum of one-third of its quota not exempted or discharged. This can only be attained if local boards certify these lists up with great expedition."

In order to prevent terrible ravages which result from the introduction into the army of that dread disease of the eyes known as trachoma, the lids of every recruit be everted to insure the absence of this disease and that any border line or suspicious indications be referred to ophthalmological surgeon especially qualified in this line."

The messages were followed by a new ruling regarding exemptions because of dependents which is expected to decrease considerably the loss of men from military service for this reason.

Boards are authorized hereafter to deny exemptions to married men whose wives are solely dependent on them, but where the parents or other relatives of either wife or husband are willing to assume the burden of her support during his absence. The same course is to be followed where any drafted man's employers agree to continue his salary as a patriotic duty.

A third supplementary ruling provides that where a man has support

ed his dependents on land which he owns and the board finds the land could be rented so as to continue the support of the wife derived from the rental exemption for the man may be denied.

The telegram to the governors follows:

"Under presidential regulations the term 'dependent for support' has given rise to several further questions of principle affecting large numbers of persons.

"The general basis for ruling upon such questions should be the spirit and purpose of the act and of the regulations are not in themselves conclusive. The act authorizes the president to discharge whoever the parties drafted 'are in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable.'"

"Such dependency ordinarily renders discharge advisable, because since the drafted person loses his civil income and thus loses his means of support, the wife is left without support and the lack of support is the effect which the act aims to avoid. But wherever such effect does in fact follow, and the wife is not left without reasonably adequate support, but will receive such support from other sources, there is no real dependency rendering discharge advisable."

YOUTH OF NYE COUNTY SHOW SPLENDID PHYSICAL TRIM

(By William McClure Gotwald)

No, it's not like taking a flop on the operating table nor reclining at ease in the red plush chair of the dental surgeon. No anaesthetics are required.

The foregoing refers to the examination of men registered for the first draft into the national army. It is being conducted in the lady jurors' rooms in the Nye county court house and it would be difficult to find a more suitable place for the ordeal, if it were such.

The examination is being conducted by the local federal board, consisting of Sheriff W. H. Thomas, County Clerk Lawrence E. Glass and County Physician J. R. Masterson. The only emolument received by the board in this important and patriotic duty is the realization that they are "doing their best" for their country. To this board is added the valued service volunteered by Dr. Cunningham.

The writer was an interested, even a thrilled, spectator in the examination room this morning. There was an atmosphere of dignity to the entire proceeding. It seemed almost like a sacred ceremony. Orders were given in low, modulated voices, but with the ring of authority. Every courtesy was extended the candidates, but the word "please" was not heard.

It brought to the writer's mind the first full realization of the fact that the United States of America is engaged in the most stupendous war in history and that the little young men standing stark before their examiners are to be the heroes of tomorrow in the battle for the freedom of the world.

Almost timorously the candidates for service entered the room, answered to name and serial number and were sent to an adjoining room to disrobe.

Those of us who are far and away beyond the age of military service

SOLDIERS AT M'GILL

RELIEVE STATE POLICE

Thirty soldiers of the regular army arrived at McGill Thursday night, where quarters had already been provided for them. It is understood that they are here to take the place of the state police force, which for some time has been employed as guard for property interests.—Ely Record.

WILL SHOULDER RIFLE

John O. Koll, who had been engaged in the tailoring business in this city, has enlisted in the infantry branch of the United States army. He left this morning for the Presidio. Mr. Koll is a citizen of Sweden.

Presumably, Messrs. Goethals and Demann can now build air castles.—Galveston News.

In view of the hot weather, the street car strike is remarkably cool and calm.—Tacoma Ledger.

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RECORD BREAKING CROPS, DESPITE DRAWBACKS IN SOME STATES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—A corn crop surpassing any ever grown before; reduction in wheat prospects, due to damage to the spring wheat crop, and record crops of barley, rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and hay were forecast in the August 1 crop report of the department of agriculture.

Corn production was placed at 3,191,000,000 bushels, an increase of 67,000,000 bushels over the July forecast and 68,000,000 bushels above the record crop of 1912. The showing is due to vast improvement in the growing corn in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri. In Kansas the condition declined to 33 per cent of a normal compared with 66 per cent on June 1 and as a result the Kansas crop is forecast at 81,740,000 bushels compared with 169,536,000 bushels forecast in July. Oklahoma's crop showed a decline from 61 per cent of a normal to 30 per cent with production forecasts reduced from 65,592,000 bushels to 33,844,000 bushels.

Spring wheat production, forecast in July at 878,000,000 bushels, showed the results of adverse weather conditions. The prospects are put at 236,199,000 bushels, a drop of about 60,000,000 bushels from the July 1 report. North Dakota's crop suffered most, with a loss in prospective production of about 15,000,000 bushels, while South Dakota lost about 3,000,000 and Washington 7,000,000.

Winter wheat, however, is turning out better than previous forecast with a forecast total of 417,000,000 bushels or 15,000,000 bushels more than indicated from July conditions.

The combined yield of winter and spring wheat therefore shows a reduction of 25,000,000 bushels from the production forecast in July. The crop conditions, forecast from August 1, will be only 653,900,000 bushels or

13,000,000 bushels more than harvested last year.

While potatoes are expected to yield 467,000,000 bushels or 15,000,000 bushels more than forecast from July conditions and 47,000,000 more than the record crop of 1912. Sweet potatoes also will be a record

with 86,400,000 bushels.

There will be an enormous crop of tobacco, almost 120,000,000 pounds larger than the record production of last year. The buckwheat crop will be the largest in many years and oats will come close to equalling the record made in 1915.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN DIVERED SHIPS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Aug. 9.—There was a slight increase in the loss of British merchant vessels by submarines or mines during the last week, according to the official summary issued. Twenty-one British vessels of more than 1,600 tons and two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk last week. Thirteen ships were attacked

unsuccessfully. No fishing boats were lost.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA ISSUES NEW CATALOGUE

The University of Nevada has issued its new catalogue for the ensuing year, accompanied by a foreword written by Prof. Robert Lewers, acting president, who urges all young men and women to avail themselves of the opportunities before them for perfecting their education.

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